

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-32, and 34-42 are pending in this application. In the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2005 ("OA")¹, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 12, 15-22, 24-26, 29-32, 34-36, and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,627,996 to *Bauer*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,261 to *Shandony*²; and rejected claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 27, 28, 37, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,308,246 to *Hagersten*.

By this amendment, Applicants propose to amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10-12, 14-19, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, and 38-42. The proposed amendment serves to clarify the amended claims without modifying the scope of the claims or the subject matter claimed. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 1, 4, 7, 10-12, 14-19, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, and 38-42 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-32, and 34-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the aforementioned amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 12, 16-22, 24-26, 29-32, 34-36, and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony*. To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, the prior art reference as modified must teach or suggest all the claim elements. (See M.P.E.P. § 2143.03 (8th ed. 2001)). Second, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the reference or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or combine the reference teachings. (See M.P.E.P. § 2143 (8th ed. 2001)). Third a reasonable expectation of success must exist. Moreover, each of these requirement must “be found in the prior art, and not be based on applicant’s disclosure.” (M.P.E.P. § 2143.03 (8th ed. 2001)).

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner alleged that *Bauer* discloses: “receiving a request from a node to access a file system entity having an entity name; and searching for an alternate entry corresponding to the file system entity, the alternate entry comprising the entity name extended by an expandable sequence” (OA, pg. 3). However, the Examiner admitted that *Bauer* does not disclose “expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the node, wherein the node comprises a process.” Applicants agree. The Examiner uses *Shandony* to allege a disclosure of “expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the node; and retrieving information corresponding to the expanded sequence” (OA pg. 3-4). Applicants disagree with the Examiner’s interpretation of *Shandony*.

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² Applicants respectfully note that page 8 of the Office Action indicates that the Examiner actually rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,941,947 to *Brown*.

Shandony discloses a technique for reducing repeated accesses to the same data store entry by providing request based caching of data store entries (*Shandony* col. 1 lines 61-63). *Shandony*'s access management provides identity management services and/or access management services for a network (col. 5, lines 32-34). The access management system limits user access to resources on web servers based on user identification (figs. 1, 6; col. 5, lines 58-63; col. 8 line, 61-col. 9, line 29). A user can access resources on the web servers via a uniform resource locator ("URL"), which can include query data such as user identification (col. 6, lines 40-50). Once a user has requested resources, an Identity Server translates the request and identifies programs corresponding to functions called for in the request, including peripheral programs (col. 45, lines 38-47; fig. 38).

Shandony thus appends to a host name the user identification corresponding to a user (*Shandony* col. 6 lines 27-46). However, appending a user identification to a host name does not constitute "expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the requesting node," as asserted by the Examiner, because the host of *Shandony* is not a requesting node comprising a process. Accordingly, *Shandony*, either alone or in combination with *Bauer*, does not support the Examiner's assertions that the references teach or suggest "expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the requesting node, wherein the requesting node comprises a process." For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is allowable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony*.

Claims 11, 18, 19, 29, and 39-42 are independent claims that recite language similar to that of claim 1. Accordingly, applicants submit that the rejections of claims 11,

18, 19, 29, and 39-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are not supported by the cited art, for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 12, 15-17, 20-22, 24-26, 30-32, 34-36, and 43 are allowable for at least the reasons stated above with regard to their respective allowable base claims. Moreover, Applicants submit that the cited art does not support the rejection of these claims.

The Examiner rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony* and further in view of *Brown*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as well.

Claim 15 is a dependent claim depending on independent claim 11. Applicants respectfully submit that *Brown* is not sufficient to overcome the deficiencies of *Bauer* and *Shandony*. Specifically, *Brown*, alone or in combination with *Bauer* and *Shandony*, does not teach or suggest at least “expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the requesting node, wherein the requesting node comprises a process,” as asserted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited art does not support the rejection of claim 15 for reasons similar to those stated above with respect to independent claim 11.

The Examiner rejected claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 27, 28, 37, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over *Bauer* in view of *Shandony* and further in view of *Hagersten*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 9-10, 13-14, 27-28, and 37-38 are dependent claims depending on independent claims 1, 11, 19, and 29, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that *Hagersten* is not sufficient to overcome the deficiencies of *Bauer* and *Shandony*.

Specifically, *Hagersten*, alone or in combination with *Bauer* and *Shandony*, does not teach or suggest at least “expanding the expandable sequence by a value corresponding to the requesting node, wherein the requesting node comprises a process,” as asserted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited art does not support the rejections of claims 9-10, 13-14, 27-28, and 37-38 for reasons similar to those stated above with respect to independent claims 1, 11, 19, and 29.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-32, and 34-42 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 1, 4, 7, 10-12, 14-19, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 35, and 38-42 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments as to the application of the art against Applicant's invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicants to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims as amended, are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

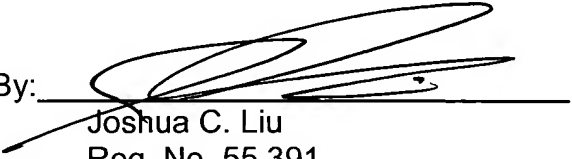
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